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REMARKS

Reconsideration and expeditious allowance is respectfully requested. Claims 5 through 46 remain in the case. Applicant has amended the pending claims and replaced the Abstract in an effort to overcome Examiner's rejections.

Specifically, Applicant has corrected the listing of references referred to in the Office Action by filing an Information Disclosure Statement, dated July 15, 2005 to formally disclose any reference called out in the body of the specification. Applicant has also added other references subsequently determined to be possibly relevant.

Applicant is submitting herewith a substitute Abstract. Applicant believes that this substitute overcomes the Examiner's rejection.

Finally, Applicant submits herewith amended claims that Applicant believes overcomes the § 112 rejections listed on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. Applicant has changed the referencing of the claims to indicate whether a use of a term properly relates back to an antecedent basis or alternatively is the antecedent basis for other uses of the term. In the course of making these changes, it was determined that other technical changes to some of the claims were also necessary, as indicated.

In view of Examiner's indication at page 4 of the Office Action that Claims 5 through 46 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome § 112 rejections, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner now issue a Notice of Allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner

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telephone Frederick C. Williams, Applicants' Attorney at (202) 842-0445 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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